

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 67-75 and 77-83 are pending, Claims 1-66, 76, and 84 having been canceled.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 68 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as unpatentable over Stefik et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,715,403). Claims 67 and 69-83 were indicated as allowable. Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter.

Claim 68 is amended to recite an apparatus substantially corresponding to the system recited in allowed Claim 67.

Applicants thank Examiner White for the telephone interviews granted to Applicants' representatives on June 27 and June 28, 2005. During the final interview, Examiner White indicated that the present amendment placed the application in condition for allowance and did not raise a new issue requiring further search and consideration.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the identification of allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 67-75 and 77-83, as amended, patentably define over the asserted art. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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